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## In brief

### Force development briefing

The Chief of Staff Force Development spread-the-word briefing, provided by Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, will take place Dec. 2 at the Tyndall AFB Enlisted Club. Briefing times are 9-10 a.m., 1:30-2:30 p.m. The briefing is mandatory for all 325th FW officers. Associate unit officers are encouraged to attend.

### Housing office closures

The housing office will be closed 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today for an official function. Also, the office will be closed Nov. 28 for Family Day.

### Next Gulf Defender Dec. 5

By contract, the Gulf Defender will not publish an issue Nov. 28 during the Family Day, but will return to the newsstands Dec. 5. Deadline for that issue's submissions is Nov. 28.

### Singles holiday dinner

The Tyndall chapel-sponsored Thanksgiving Singles Dinner is 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday at the Chapel Two annex across from the Sand Dollar Inn. All singles, dorm residents, temporary duty and transient members are welcome to attend. Hot roasted turkey and other traditional dishes will be available, and it's all free. For more information, contact the chapel at 283-2925.

### Holiday items needed

The Tyndall Chiefs Group is seeking donations of baked items such as cookies and brownies for its annual Golden Age Christmas Social for local senior citizens residing in convalescent and assisted living facilities. Donations should be delivered to the Tyndall NCO Academy beginning Dec. 1 for delivery to the enlisted club Dec. 3.

## Exercise-Exercise-Exercise



Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Rob Fuller

Left: Tyndall exercise evaluation team members get the smoke going to simulate an F-15 aircraft crash site during Tuesday's Mass Casualty Response Exercise in Panama City Beach. Right: Tyndall AFB and Panama City Beach officials coordinate response actions at the entry control point during the jointly held MARE. Once each year, Tyndall teams with city/county emergency response agencies to ensure their readiness to deal with military accidents or incidents occurring off base.



## Iron Hammer keeps pounding terrorists in Iraq

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Air Force and Army aircraft reportedly pounded insurgent staging and operating facilities and killed seven people preparing an attack on U.S. forces during the second night of Operation Iron Hammer in Iraq.

U.S. Central Command officials reported Nov. 14 that F-16 Fighting Falcons overnight destroyed a building used by terrorists for munitions storage and as a staging area in Husayba, near the Syrian border. They said the jets used two joint direct-attack munitions "to limit collateral damage and complete the destruction of the target."

The command also reported

that hundreds of headquarters staff members will augment the command's forward headquarters in Qatar.

Though most of the 2,000-person staff is remaining at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., the added manpower in Qatar will support the theater's operational commanders and Army Gen. John Abizaid, CENTCOM commander, as he travels in the region.

Numbers of staff at the forward headquarters have fluctuated with various operations and exercises, command officials said in a statement announcing the Qatar augmentation. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Wolfe

**KIRKUK, Iraq** — A pilot in an A-10 Thunderbolt II drops a flare Nov. 17 during Operation Ivy Cyclone. The operation is a combined-arms operation designed to root out and crush insurgents in Iraq. The aircraft is from the 74th Fighter Squadron at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

*Training the best air dominance team for America*



# View from The Top:

## AETC commander sends Thanksgiving greetings

**GEN. DON COOK**  
Commander of Air Education and Training Command

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — Thanksgiving is a unique American holiday. It is a special time for friends, family and neighbors to gather in fellowship, and to pause and give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us.

We have much to be grateful for again this year:



General Cook

takes. We leave our families behind, missing first birth-  
days, 10th anniversaries and many special moments

our families, our health, our good fortune and, most of all, our freedom.

It is the men and women in uniform, past and present, to whom we have much to thank. As members of the armed forces, each of us is keenly aware of the sacrifices it

in our loved ones' lives. But, like our forefathers, we are comforted in knowing our contributions help protect this great nation.

I salute you and express my heartfelt thanks for your continued service.

This Thanksgiving, many of our service members are once again far from home defending the very freedoms for which we are giving thanks. Let us keep them in our thoughts as we gather around the dinner table.

I also ask you to remember the families of our deployed members, our students, our basic trainees, our single service members and those members who may not be traveling home this holiday weekend. Let us open our homes to them, as members of our extended Air Force family.

Diane and I wish you and your families a safe and joyous Thanksgiving celebration. God bless you all and thanks again for all you do.

# Exercise ends as holiday season begins

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**  
325th Fighter Wing commander



The holiday season is nearly upon us. Thanksgiving is just six days from today and as you make your plans for Thursday, make sure that everyone is able to share in the joy Thanksgiving brings.

Thanksgiving is a day to celebrate the many blessings we enjoy as citizens of this great nation. If there is someone you know in your organization or unit who is not able to have family around for this holiday or during the holiday season, I encourage you to open your hearts to others and ensure everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season.

Also, for people who don't want to cook, the Officers' Club is preparing a Thanksgiving feast. However, make your plans early as it promises to be a wonderful event.

We've accomplished a great deal this year training the world's premiere air dominance team for our nation and supporting deployments around the globe. I count myself thankful for the opportunity to serve with



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**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**  
325th Fighter Wing commander

all of you here at Tyndall — your professionalism and dedication are unsurpassed. I'm thankful for the family support systems we have for deployed personnel; that their time away from loved ones is made a little easier because of your efforts. Most of all, I'm thankful for the safe return of all of our deployed troops.

All of us in the Air Force can be thankful that we have enough to eat and usually some left over. While celebrating this festive season, please keep in mind those families that are a little less fortunate than you. I encourage everyone to donate what you can spare to one of the many charitable causes striving to make the holiday a bit

brighter for those folks who are less fortunate. One way to give back is Operation Turkey Drop brought to Tyndall by the Tyndall Top Three and the chaplain's office. Operation Turkey Drop helps families in need by providing the makings of a Thanksgiving meal. You don't have much time though; this drive needs your donations no later than 4:30 p.m. today at the Chapel Two annex.

Looking forward, there are many Tyndall Christmas programs that you can be a part of and give back to the community. One of those is the Tyndall Chief's Group "Golden

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## Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**  
325th Fighter Wing commander

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# 19th AF commander sends holiday message

**MAJ. GEN. JAMES  
SANDSTROM**  
19th Air Force commander



**General Sandstrom**

As the holiday season approaches, there is great anticipation for upcoming travel plans, gift-giving and most importantly for the opportunity to spend quality time with family. This is also a time of year we need to focus on the specific hazards that go along with our holiday celebrations.

Keep in mind:

As the tempo picks up for those ‘necessary’ and quick shopping trips so does the danger factor due to excessive traffic. Toy selection is critical for children under the age of 3.

Holiday decorations must also follow the common-sense rule with children in the household to avoid a choking and fire hazard. However, the combination of drinking and driving is by far the most common cause of holiday mishaps.

Friends don’t let friends drink and drive. Whether the party is on- or off-base, be sure to have designated drivers and insist that they are used.

Let me emphasize the importance of automobile seat belts, child restraint seats, motorcycle helmets and other protective gear, defensive driving in bad weather, realistic travel plans, and following the speed limits. By following these simple rules, each of us will play an important role in making this the safest year yet.

The holidays can also be a very stressful time for some of our personnel and family members who may experience emotional downswings. Watch out for each other.

The Air Force is a family whose members take care of each other. I challenge everyone to think smart during this holiday season...do it for yourself, your family, and for your country. With everyone back safely, we can accomplish our vital mission in 2004.

The entire 19th Air Force staff joins me in wishing you all a very happy holiday season!

# Kindness example opens airman’s eyes to true meaning of Thanksgiving

AIRMAN SARAH McDOWELL  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

This holiday season, as I think about what I’d like to do for Thanksgiving, I reflect back to last year at this time when I was a basic military trainee for the world’s greatest Air Force. Though boot camp was only six short weeks, for many of us it was a challenge, especially the separation from loved ones. Thanksgiving Day showed me that even though our own families could not be with us, there were others nearby who cared.

I, along with thousands of other trainees, took part in “Operation Home Cooking,” an outreach program inviting local families to adopt an airman for Thanksgiving. That day was one of the most enlightening days of my life. It was then I realized what I was most thankful for.

My wingman Vanessa and I met up with our sponsor father at the Lackland Air Force Base chapel and headed out to his home to meet his family. On the way, we stopped at a grocery store and were told to purchase whatever food items we desired. To most this might seem like a small gesture, but I was overwhelmed by the generosity of this man who didn’t even know us.

We proceeded to his home and were greeted by his wife and two daughters — and a whole spread of food. They asked us what we’d like to do that day, allowing us to plan their family holiday, and offered to take us to some of San Antonio’s main attractions. But seeing those places didn’t seem as important as

enjoying the company of this family and getting the chance to call our loved ones.

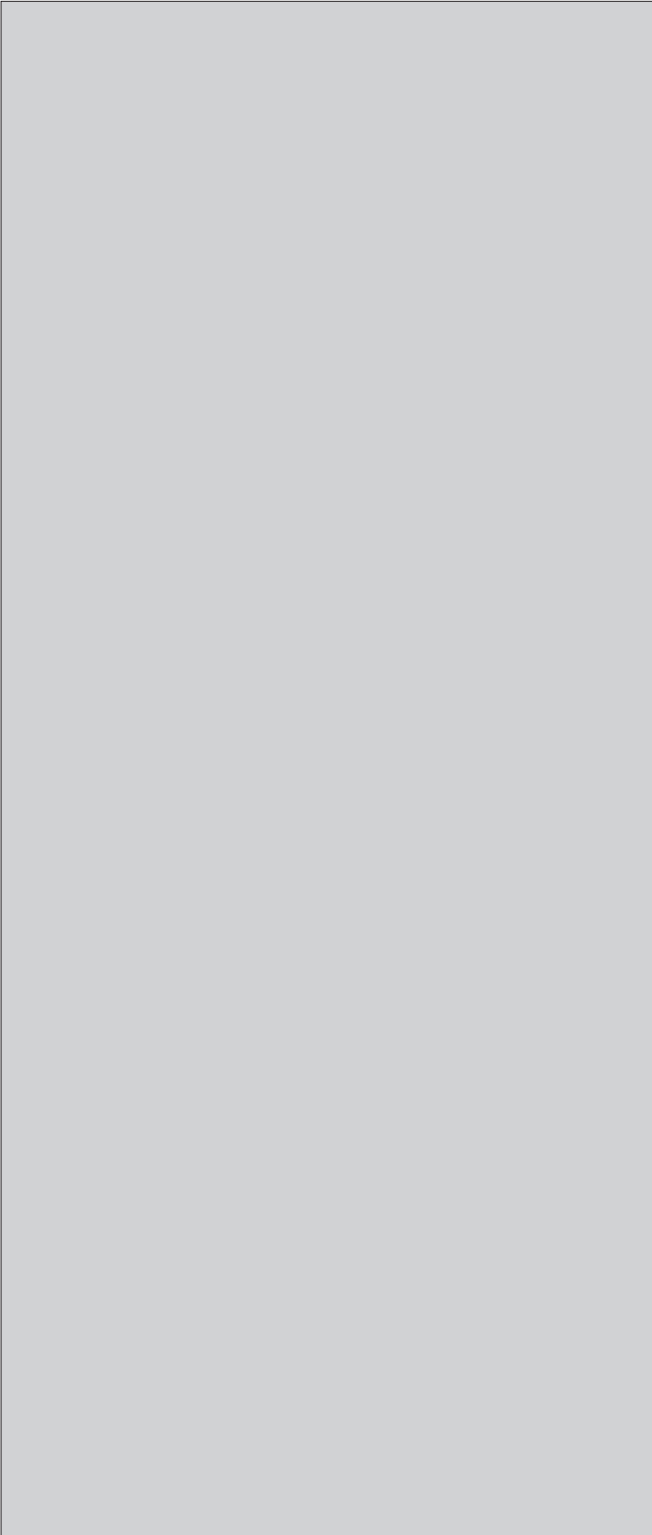
I realized so many things that day. I began to understand just what sacrifice was. I thought about the many men and women who sacrifice their personal lives for our country everyday, and in far greater ways than my little dose in military basic training.

I also realized not only military members sacrifice for their country, but also their families and the communities that lend a helping hand to servicemembers in need.

Our service to country touches so many lives in a positive way and inspires others to give as well. Vanessa and I were impressed by seeing our hosts so appreciate our military service that they were eager to share their holiday with us. They gave us the simple things we hadn’t realized meant so much.

I realized how much I took things for granted. There are so many who are not afforded a Thanksgiving meal, let alone get the opportunity to pick their favorite foods or share this day with others. That family gave me what I used to think was entitled to me and made me realize it was a privilege. That family showed me why I joined the Air Force.

I am blessed I went to boot camp when I did and had to miss a holiday with my family. I now have a new reason to celebrate Thanksgiving. People deserve to be free. They deserve to have privileges, and some of us want to be part of the huge family that is going to help get them.



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Age Christmas Social,” an event to brighten the holiday season for seniors in local nursing homes. The Chief’s group is in need of all sorts of goodies for the party. For those interested, you can donate homemade or purchased cookies and brownies at the NCO Academy starting Dec. 1 or contact Chief Master Sgt. James Wood at 283-3238 to see how you can make a difference.

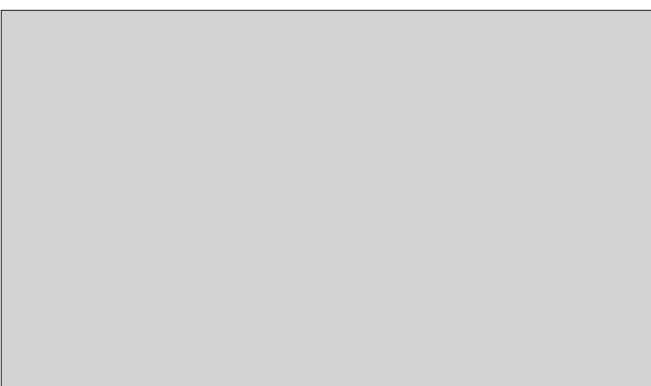
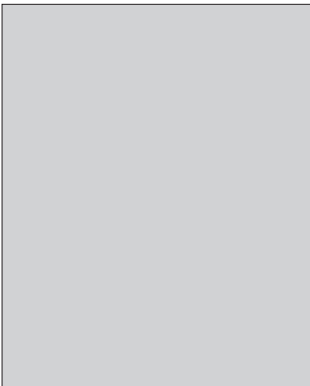
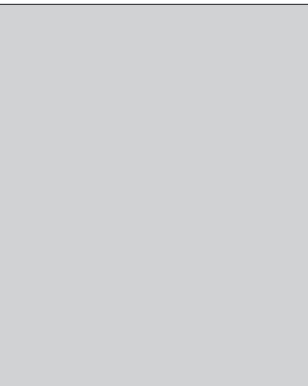
During the holiday season, I encourage all to make your plans early and

observe and practice Operational Risk Management. We have many programs on base to help you get to and from your destination safely, including Airmen Against Drunk Driving. The Tyndall Active Airmen’s Association does a tremendous job of taking care of Team Tyndall and saving lives by providing a safe, sober ride home. Talk to your first shirt for more information on AADD and other arrangements you can make to keep you and others safe. Please help ensure that the holiday season

is one to remember, with everyone returning to duty safe and sound.

To all members of the Total Force — active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilians, and families — thank you for your dedication and commitment to our troops and to ensuring our nation’s security and freedom.

Diane and I want to wish you and your families a very happy and safe Thanksgiving. Thank you for all you do for Tyndall, Bay County and our Air Force.





# Checkertail Salute



Photo Credit

**Sergeant Mangelsdorf is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Col. Doug Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.**

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Mangelsdorf for his outstanding efforts as chief architect for an expeditionary medical squadron beddown during his deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom. His efforts allowed treatment of 1,282 patients in Operation Southern Watch and 1,116 patients in OIF. He masterfully managed Tyndall’s medical stock records account; more than \$12 million in supplies.

**Tech. Sgt. John Mangelsdorf**

**Duty title:** NCO in charge, medical materiel

**Unit:** 325th Medical Support Squadron

**Time on station:** Six years

**Time in service:** 19.5 years

**Hometown:** Moline, Ill.

**Off duty activities:** Fishing, selling computers at the base exchange

**Goals:** Retire and have a long and happy life with my family

**Favorite book:** “Complete Book of Baits, Rigs and Tackle”

**Favorite movie:** Braveheart

**Favorite thing about Tyndall:**

The support that my family and I received from the Tyndall community while deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom

*The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall’s Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.*

# Gate construction to impact traffic pattern through Spring 2004

Effective mid-December, Tyndall Air Force Base motorists will experience a change in traffic patterns on and off the installation due to major construction upgrades at two of the base's main entrance gates (see graphic below). Both the flightline and support side gates — Tyndall and Illinois gates, respectively, — will be closed for construction through March 3.

All motorists are advised to use caution and to expect delays while these improvements take place. Louisiana North and South Gates, located on Highway 98 just east of Tyndall and Illinois gates, will be opened to accommodate traffic access.

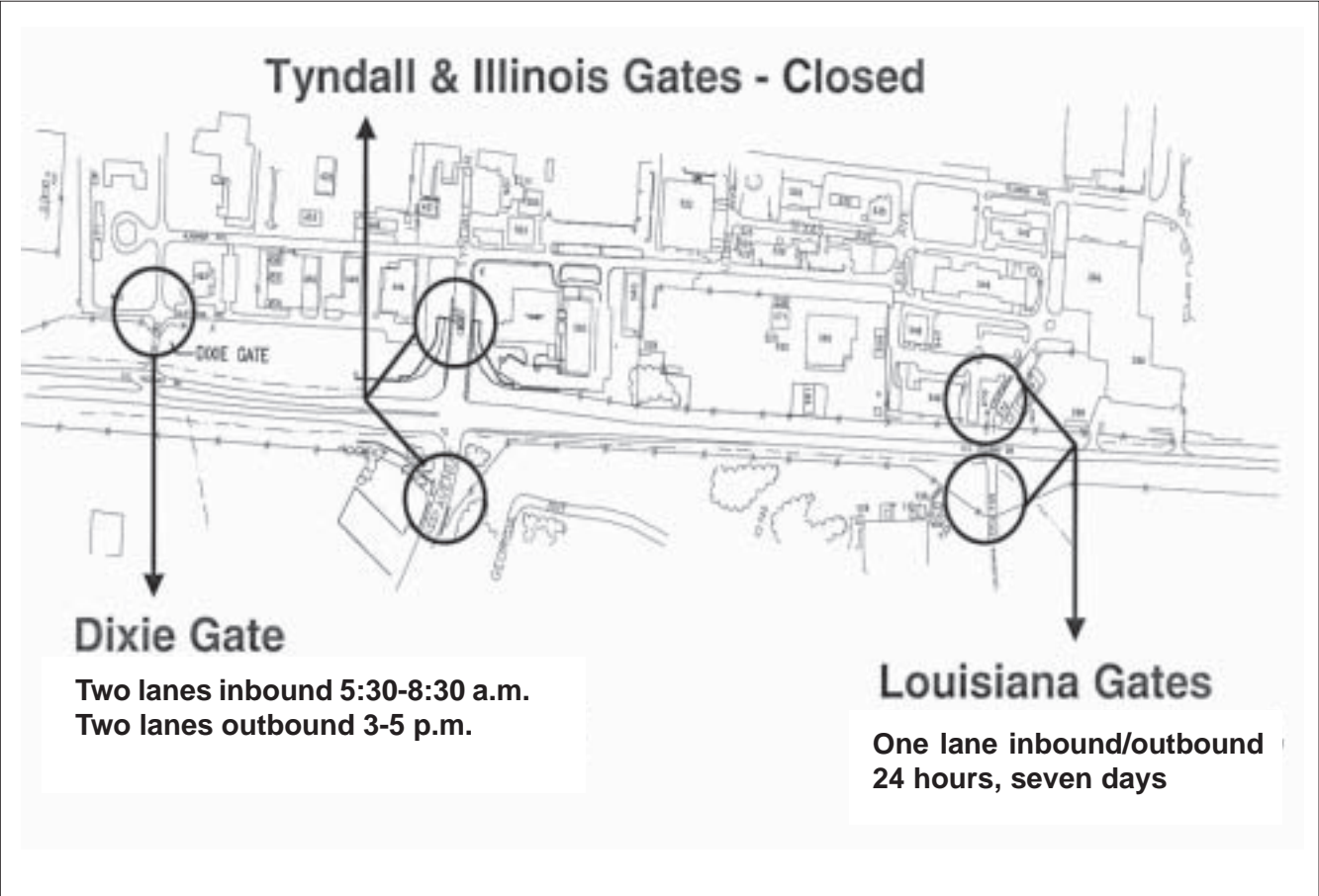
These gates will be open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and will function similarly to the existing main entrance gates. Temporary traffic signals and signage will be added to the highway and throughout the base to help control traffic flow and reduce delays.

To accommodate peak periods of inbound and outbound traffic, the Dixie Gate will be opened each weekday morning for inbound traffic from 5:30-8:30 a.m. and each weekday afternoon for outbound traffic from 3-5 p.m. The Dixie Gate is located on the flightline side of Hwy 98 adjacent to the Continental U.S. NORAD Region/Southeast Air Defense Sector compound. Motorists who work on the flightline side of base are encouraged to use this gate to minimize congestion.

There will be no change to the Sabre Gate allowing access to the military family housing areas. Visitors must continue to use Sabre Gate and the Tyndall AFB Visitors Control Center upon arrival.

Once complete, these gate improvements will provide a safer, more efficient means of access to the installation.

*(Submitted by 325th Civil Engineer Squadron)*



Courtesy graphic

# Civil engineer team paves way to five command awards

**JIM WESLOWSKI**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Winning awards is nothing new for the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron and the tradition continues as officials at Air Education and Training Command presented five prestigious awards to the squadron and staff Nov. 12. Several members from the squadron attended the awards presentation at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The winning major command recipients will compete for the Air Force-level awards, and winners will be announced Dec. 15.

“It was fantastic to see the recognition of such outstanding professionals. We’ve got a great team at Tyndall and selection as ‘Best in the Command’ is certainly validation of their superior performance,” said Lt. Col. Kenny Weldon, 325th CES commander.

Awards and winners are:

**The Major General Robert C. Thompson Award** was presented to the 325th CES Resources Flight for their ability to manage more than \$55 million in appro-

priated funds programs such as military family housing, wildlife, quality of life improvements and associated equipment. The flight’s team also balanced construction, maintenance and repair costs for 26 facilities affected by the F/A-22 beddown.

“Our flight is responsible for many areas dealing with people and facilities,” Kim Jackey, 325th CES Resource Finance Manager said. “We teamed with flights to achieve Ready-to-Award status and executed \$17 million in fallout funds in the last 30 days of the fiscal year.” The Resources flight fairly distributed operation and maintenance funds and satisfied 85 unfunded mission requirements. They also identified additional contractor costs and validated shop rates. The end result was increased government reimbursements by \$163,000.

**The Thomas D. White Environmental Quality Award (Non-Industrial)** was presented to the 325th CES Environmental Flight for several projects spanning from 2000-2003, including working with Bay

County officials to reopen the East Pass of St. Andrews Bay; returning more than 100 acres of formerly dedicated base housing area to native vegetation; and competing and earning \$400,000 in grants from Enterprise Florida.

“We accomplished three in-house environmental assessments saving approximately \$80,000 in contractor costs,” said Ann Garner, 325th CES Environmental Chief. “We have 15 required environmental plans, all rated ‘Best in Command’ during the recent headquarters assessment. However, the most notable achievement is no notices of violation in the last decade. Early intervention of noncompliance situations, coupled with a robust regulator partnership, facilitates successful resolution of issues before they escalate to enforcement actions.”

**The Thomas D. White Cultural Resources Management Award** was presented to CE for the most improved historic preservation program in the command. The environmental flight completed an Inte-

grated Cultural Resource Management Plan that established ways to meet Department of Defense compliance requirements and mission goals. The plan outlined ways for preservation of 1st century and earlier sites and identified 18 federally recognized Indian tribes that had ties to the base.

“We are seeking supplemental funding avenues to pursue preservation of 1.5 miles of historic road and an educational pavilion,”said Dr. Bridget Keegan, 325th CES Cultural Resource Program Manager. “Bay and Gulf County Historic Societies’ retired historians and archeologists are also giving their support to our projects, and we’ve incorporated on-site assistance from the local Boy and Girl Scouts. We have also dramatically strengthened our civic network with trained personnel pos-

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## Rabies local threat, health officials warn

If you spend time outdoors, you'll probably see many examples of our local wildlife, from deer to alligators. While wildlife is enjoyable to observe, these creatures can carry a number of diseases transmittable to people. One of the most serious, but preventable, diseases is rabies.

Rabies has occurred locally. So far this year, there have been four cases of animal rabies reported in Bay County. Two of these rabid animals were bats, and the others were raccoons. In 2002, according to the Florida Department of Health, raccoons accounted for more than 60 percent of the reported cases of rabies in the state.

This virus can only infect mammals, for example foxes, dogs and cats. Birds, snakes and fish do not get rabies. This disease spreads through the saliva of an infected mammal. People can get rabies through a bite or scratch from an infected animal. It can be treated even after a bite or scratch has occurred if medical care is obtained

promptly. However once a person or animal develops signs and symptoms of rabies, it is almost 100 percent fatal.

Prevention is the key. Following these safety tips can help reduce your risk:

❑ **Do not play with or feed wildlife.** Rabid animals often show odd behavior. Wild animals may even act tame. Rabid animals that normally would only be active at night

may be seen during daylight hours.

❑ **Do not handle any type of wildlife, especially if it seems injured or ill.** Bats are especially hazardous to handle as they can inflict bite or scratch wounds that are hard to detect.

❑ **If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, wash the wound with soap and water and then seek medical care immediately.**

❑ **Finally, don't forget to vaccinate your own pet dog, cat or horse.** They are at risk for rabies, too.

For more information on rabies vaccines for your pet, contact Tyndall Veterinary Clinic at 283-2434. (Submitted by 325th Medical Group)



National Wildlife Service  
**Raccoons were to blame in recent Bay County rabies cases.**

## 1st AF commander earns distinguished alumni honors

**CAPT. ED SHANK**  
1st Air Force public affairs

Maj. Gen. Craig McKinley, the commander of 1st Air Force, received the Southern Methodist University 30 at the Wyndham Anatole 1974 graduate of the college, bestowed the honor this Pastor Zan Holmes, Professional advisor Karen Hughes.

During the award presentation General McKinley for the against terrorism. First Air ing, equipping and operating mander of NORAD, processment and counter drug forces for the continental United States. During the presentation General McKinley was lauded as a command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in eight different aircraft.

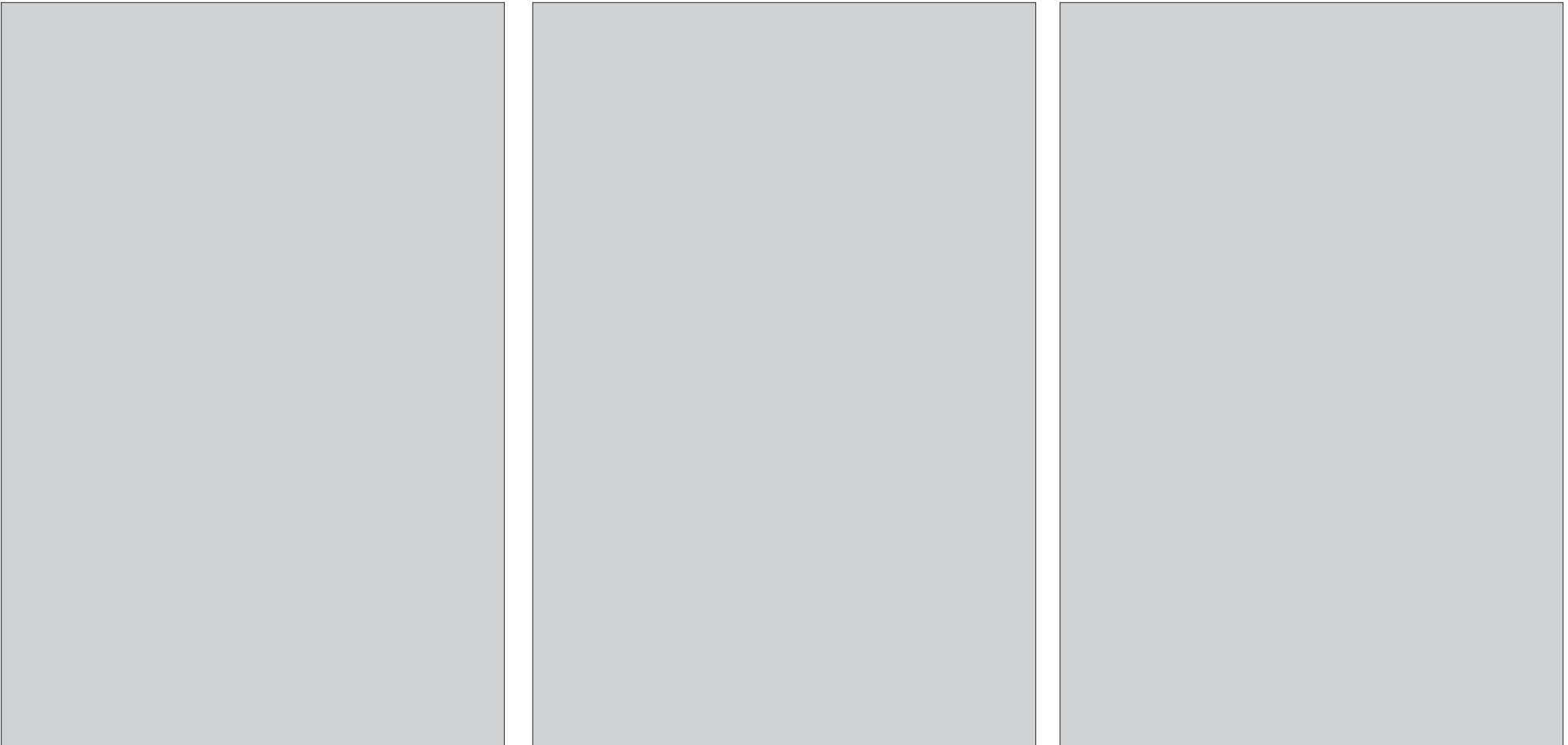
"It was certainly an honor," said General McKinley, "especially considering the company I was in."

General McKinley received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from SMU and was named the distinguished graduate of the SMU Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He earned a masters degree in management and economics at Webster College in 1979, followed by a master's degree in national security strategy from the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

According to the university's website, General McKinley's "charismatic leadership style and team-building skills led to a rapid rise through the Air Force ranks in positions of trust, including serving as deputy inspector general overseeing criminal investigations and counterintelligence operations. He set a leadership example over issues of diversity within the Air National Guard through the advancement of women and minorities to high-level positions."



**General McKinley**





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sessing area knowledge.”

**The Air Force Outstanding Civil Engineer Environmental Flight Award** was presented to the environmental flight for their stewardship of a pristine habitat collocated with urbanized areas. “We have more than 17 miles of coastal barrier islands, 17,000 acres of commercial forest, 75 miles of woodland trails, 11,000 acres of wetlands and habitats for 26 threatened and endangered species,” Ms. Garner said.

Just last year, the flight was also recognized as the best in AETC for their conservation and pollution prevention programs. Leading the list of projects aimed at helping maintain a better environment was the 38,000 tons of concrete recycled, saving the base more than \$5.5 million in tipping fees.

“We continue to pursue innovative pollution reduc-

tion technologies, which ultimately diminish hazards to human health and the environment, with the added benefit of disposal cost reduction.”

**The Harry P. Rietman Award, Outstanding Senior Civilian of the Year**, was presented to the 325th CES Environmental Flight chief, Ms. Garner. Her balance of resource stewardship and technical support to the base was cited as a key element for winning this coveted award.

“Her charisma, coupled with knowledge and drive, give other employees 20/20 mission focus,” Colonel Weldon said. “An astounding deer management program, realigning the hazardous material operations under CE and netting a reduction of hazardous waste by 6.6 tons the first year, and reducing green house gases by 5,700 tons per year, which helped define Tyndall’s environmental program as the best in AETC.”

## County water report not cause for concern, base health officials say

Bay County recently released reports stating the county’s drinking water has contained high levels of disinfection by-products, or DBPs, over the past few months. These by-products are formed when water treatment disinfectants, such as chlorine, combine with organic materials.

Because of higher than average rainfall this summer, more organic material was washed into the Deer Point Reservoir, the county’s drinking water supply. This increase in organic material resulted in increased levels of DBPs.

These reports should not be cause for concern for the Tyndall community. These reports were issued because of requirements outlined in Environmental Protection Agency regulations, and not because of an immediate health risk.

While DBPs are considered dangerous, and possibly carcinogenic, this is only true when consumed at high levels over many years. In order to exhibit health effects, a person would have to consume high levels of DBPs year round, for nearly a lifetime. People do not need to use an alternate (e.g., bottled) water supply and may continue to drink Bay County-supplied tap water, as this water is safe.

Bay County is currently finalizing the re-design phase for a major upgrade of the Water Treatment Plant and construction is expected to start during the spring of 2004. The new upgrades are being designed to include a treatment process less likely to contribute to the formation of DBPs.

Those with questions or concerns should contact the base bioenvironmental engineering flight at 283-7139. *(Submitted by 325th Medical Group)*

# Let's go flying ...



## Club opens door to aviation dreams

Photos by Steve Riddle

**Inset above right: Instructor Milton Howe teaches a ground school course.**

**Left: 2nd Lt. Seth Kaste, a 325th Air Control Squadron air battle manager student, preflights his Cessna (above) prior to taking off on a solo flight.**

## AF Aero Clubs announce new "Start Flying" campaign

**STEVE RIDDLE**

325th Services Squadron publicist

As if the view alone weren't enough to get people up in the air, Air Force Aero Clubs are presently taking part in a worldwide promotional campaign to show people the benefits of flying.

The "Start Flying" promotion began this month and will run through April 30. Along with the 23 participating Air Force aero clubs, more than 1,700 flight schools across the country will also participate.

The promotion offers introductory flights at these locations for \$49 to show just how exciting personal flying can be and encourage people to get their own private pilot's license. While this price is a considerable discount at some flight schools, Tyndall Aero Club has been offering introductory flights for \$47 for the past year.

Tyndall Aero Club manager Bill Foley hopes the "Start Flying" campaign will get more people to join his aero club. According to Mr. Foley, new members who get a private pilot's license there will save a lot more than two bucks.

"We are normally about 30 percent cheaper than the average flight school giving lessons in a compa-

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**STEVE RIDDLE**

325th Services Squadron publicist

"It's the Air Force – everybody ought to fly."

Bill Foley says this often, and as manager of the Tyndall Aero Club Flight Training Center, he backs it up by giving everybody a chance to fly.

Mr. Foley has managed the aero club for 25 years, and has seen hundreds of people earn a pilot's certificate there. But he's quick to point out that the aero club is more than just an aeronautical school. It is a club, and its members can fly aero club aircraft whenever they want.

"The membership entitles you to fly our planes," Mr. Foley explained. "And you automatically have insurance to cover liability, to cover anything that can go wrong."

The club also holds monthly safety meetings. Mr. Foley said the subject matter of these meetings varies, but because of Bay County's coastal location, volatile weather patterns are a usual topic.

"In the fall we'll start to talk about frontal passages and the weather associated with them," Mr. Foley said. "In the summer we'll talk about thunderstorms, and what to

look out for with those. We have to always keep an eye on the weather."

The safety meetings seem to be working. The Tyndall Aero Club has the best safety record of all 23 aero clubs in the Air Force, according to Mr. Foley. In fact, since he became manager Dec. 1, 1978, the aero club hasn't had a single accident.

"We have the number one safety record in the Aero Club system," he said. "We've been accident free for 25 years. However, we are aware this could change at any time, and we cannot rest on our laurels."

Aeronautical safety is not the only type of security the aero club deals with. Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, the aero club has helped security forces patrol the base.

"Since 9/11, we've been doing aerial patrols of Tyndall," Mr. Foley said. "We take up the guys from security forces and give them a chance to see the whole base." Foley said the times and flight patterns of these patrols vary to keep potential terrorists from spotting a

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# Prescribed burns help manage Tyndall’s woodlands

**JIM WESLOWSKI**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

*(Editor’s note: This is the third installment in a four-part series on Tyndall Air Force Base’s environmental stewardship programs.)*

Managing more than 19,000 acres of woodlands while “eagles” fly overhead is the daily challenge for the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight’s Natural Resources Element. The balancing act of protecting these woodlands, the base and supporting the 325th Fighter Wing mission is a major concern. One of the most effective methods used to protect the base from fire is fire itself – prescribed burns.

When the base was carved out of sparsely populated forest lands in the early years of World War II, the military knew it had to protect this 29,000 acres of natural wilderness whenever possible. Based on current environmental programs at Tyndall, it appears that the commitment continues today with good, sound conservation plans aimed at protecting plant and animal life, while giving the base the room

needed for its operations.

Pine forest, oak hammocks and coastal waters make up the majority of this natural setting and habitat for several endangered species. The base’s forestry department, managed by Bob Bates and his staff, is responsible for using the best management practices to protect trees and wildlife at Tyndall.

“When you have a forest this large next to military operations, you have to be ready for any situation,” Mr. Bates said. “One of the main concerns is the destruction wildfires cause and how we can use fire to help manage our forest.”

“To help reduce the risk of a disastrous fire we have to reduce the amount of fuel in our forest, said Dann Childs, 325th CES Natural Resources Forester. “With an aggressive, cost-effective and comprehensive prescribed burning program for underbrush we reduce the amount of fuel a fire would have and lower the risk of damage to property or life.”

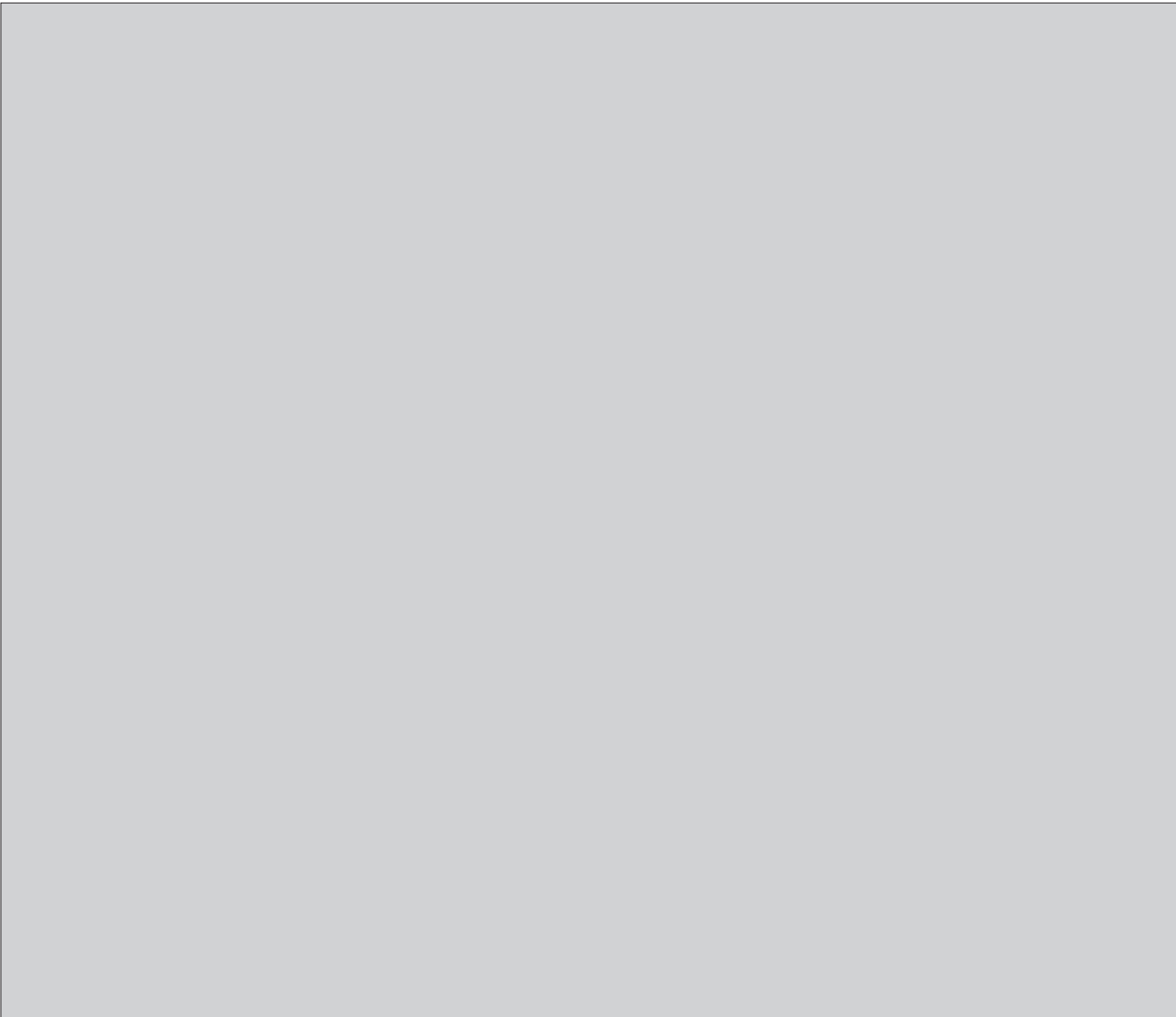
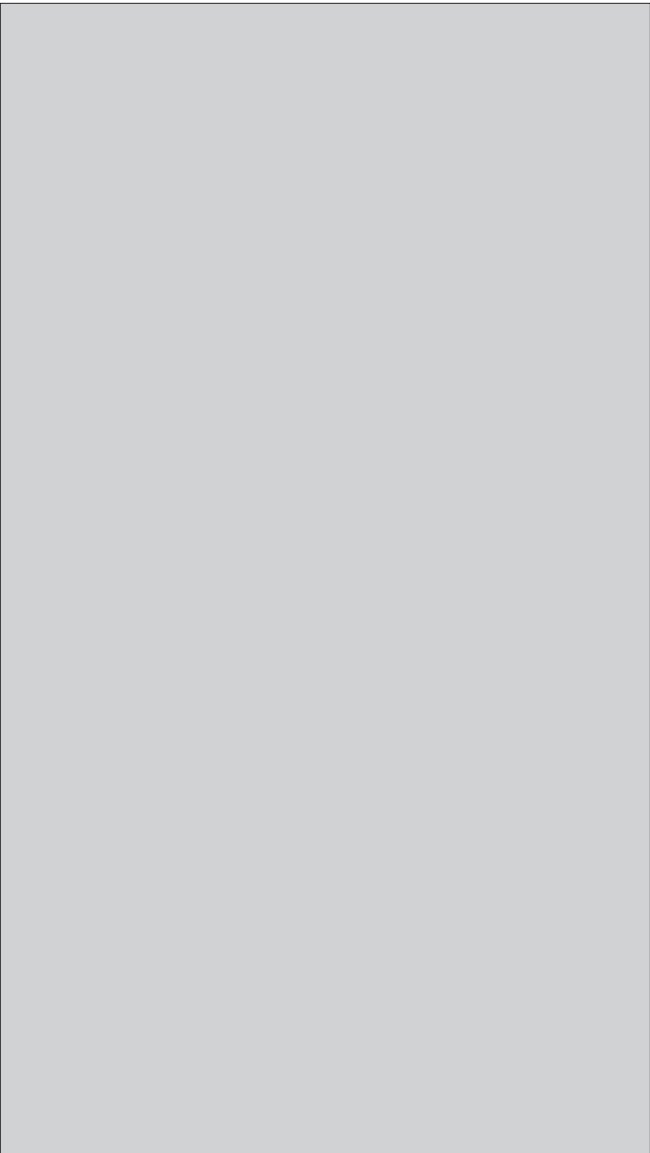
“The base pine trees are managed as a

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File photo

Flames and heavy smoke line an area of Tyndall's pine woodlands along Beacon Beach Road in this aerial photo from a prescribed burn last year. Often called “controlled burns,” the seemingly destructive action actually helps offset potentially worse wildfires and benefits the environment in many ways.





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routine and exploiting it.

But even though the aero club is busy with various duties, it still manages to hold four ground school classes per year as well as the individual flight lessons required to earn a private pilot's certificate.

"The total ground school time is 50 hours, given six hours a week," Mr. Foley explained. "It takes approximately eight to nine weeks to complete. Basically, the ground school will enable you to pass the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) written exam."

The ground school is divided into three stages, each with its own written exam that must be passed with a minimum score of 80 percent. A passing grade allows students to move to the next stage.

Stage 1 introduces students to pilot training, airplane systems, aerodynamic principals, and the basic flight environment. Students also learn about flight safety, airports, aeronautical charts, air traffic control services and radio procedures.

The second stage concentrates on weather. Students learn about weather theory, typical weather patterns and weather hazards. This stage also teaches students how to read weather charts and where to obtain weather information.

Stage 3 teaches students how to predict how a plane will handle as well as navigation techniques. Students will learn how to use aeronautical charts



Steve Riddle  
**Charlie Bott, aero club chief mechanic, re-installs an engine after completing a major overhaul. The club's aircraft undergo stringent 50- and 100-hour maintenance inspections, helping keep Tyndall's operation one of the safest in the business.**

to plot cross-country trips.  
"There's a lot we teach you in ground school," Mr. Foley said.

According to Mr. Foley, the best way to earn a private pilot certificate is to take the flight training courses at the same time as the ground school. By doing this, a student can apply the knowledge gained in the classroom before it is forgotten. There are 26 flight lessons grouped into three stages. Each stage has a completion standard that must be passed.

Students obtain the foundation for all future flight training in Stage 1. They become familiar with the training airplane and learn how the controls are used. Stage 2 gives students the chance to practice night flying and takeoffs and landings on short fields. Planning for cross-country trips is also taught. The third stage gives additional lessons on cross-country solo flight and instructions to prepare for the final flight test.

It's a lot of instruction, but Mr. Foley said he's proud of the success rate the school has had with its students.  
"The pass rate for our flight checks is over 99 percent, which is phenomenal," he said. "In the 25 years that I've been here, I know of no one that graduated from our flight training that has been in an accident."

Mr. Foley said membership in the aero club is at an all time high, but there is plenty of room for more students and flight enthusiasts.  
"I'd like for people to come and check out our facilities," he said. The Tyndall Aero Club is located on the flight line inside the base operations building.

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rable airplane with comparable equipment," said Mr. Foley, who has managed the Tyndall Aero Club for the past 25 years. The aero club has five Cessna 172 aircraft and one Cessna 210, all equipped with GPS (global positioning system) and IFR certified.  
According to Eric Treland, Air Force Aero Club program manager, the "Start Flying" promotion isn't just for beginners. Advanced ratings will also be available to those who already have a private pilot's license, and those students may even qualify to use Veteran's Ad-

ministration benefits to help with the cost of their schooling.  
"This is a great opportunity for all people related to (the military) to come see the benefits that the aero clubs provide for them," Mr. Treland said in a recent press release. "Since this is the 100th year of aviation, now is a great time to come to an aero club, take an introductory flight and start working toward your dream of becoming a pilot."  
For more information on the "Start Flying" program, contact the Tyndall Aero Club at 283-4404.

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commercial operation,” Mr. Bates said. “We look at our pine forest to mature in 60 years. During the life of the trees we must control the underbrush, maintain firebreaks, control diseases and thin the growth. Whenever possible we will start thinning the planted pine trees around the 15-20 year mark. This product is sold as pulpwood.

Again, we go back in and thin the trees around the 30-40 year mark and sell this product as a chip-and-saw product. Our final goal is to sell 60-year-old trees as a quality lumber product and reforest the area.”

With the large amount of forestland surrounding the flight line, commercial buildings and the family housing areas, wildfires

become a major concern, according to Mr. Childs. “We have a prescribed burn plan in place at Tyndall to help reduce the possibility and the effects of the wildfires.

“This commitment to prescribed burning requires the appropriate staff, training and equipment,” Mr. Childs said. “We’ve been doing prescribed burns for several years here and are looking at burning more than 8,500 acres this year if weather conditions, manning and funding continues.”

After the 1998 Florida wildfires brought a harsh reminder about the destruction of fire, the Florida Emergency Management Division determined it was the state’s worst firestorm season. The 2,300-plus individual wildfires caused more than 500,000 acres to burn, exceeding \$300 million in damages.

To help make sure there is enough manning and equipment to do a prescribed burn safely, the Florida Division of Forestry coordinates and helps. Also, wildland firefighters attending the Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center, located in Tallahassee, use Tyndall’s fires and their skills to expand their training.

“In five – six years, large amounts of forest fuels, such as limbs, leaves and underbrush, accumulate,” Mr. Bates said. “If a wildfire starts in this material, it will be dif-

ficult to control and the flight line and homes are in the burn path. This is one reason we have prescribed fire burning, it is the most practical way to reduce the dangerous accumulations of combustible fuels under the southern pine stands.”

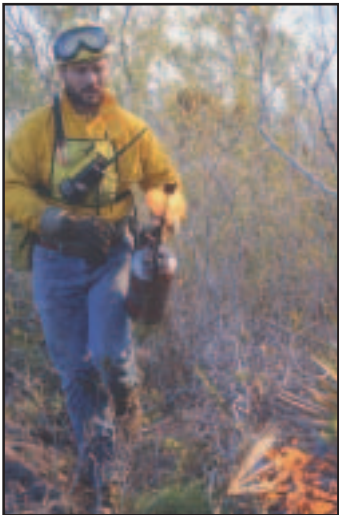
If an area hasn’t been burned in several years, there will be a large amount of smoke generated during a prescribed burn. The winter winds are used to keep this smoke from blowing into sensitive areas and most of the neighboring towns, according to Mr. Childs.

“Another benefit of the prescribed burns is for wildlife habitat management.

Periodic fire tends to en-

hance habitat preferences for several protected species that are indigenous to our area, including the gopher tortoise, indigo snake, bald eagle and red cockaded woodpecker. Fires are a natural occurrence, and for years they were suppressed, resulting in hazardous fuel buildup,” Mr. Childs said.

“The prescribed burn program provides so many positive benefits to Tyndall,” added Mr. Childs. “Everything from protecting homes and equipment to helping restore native ecosystems. If resources, manpower or money decline for the program, we will see an increased risk of catastrophic wildfires. We must continue to look for alternative ways to get manpower and funding to improve the burn program and to increase its benefits.”



Dann Childs, a 325th CES forester, uses a drip torch to start a prescribed burn.

‘Air Force Monopoly’

# Militarized board game debuts in December

**WASHINGTON** — A new game is scheduled to hit the shelves of base exchanges Dec. 1 when the Army and Air Force Exchange Service introduces Air Force Edition Monopoly.

“This is a one-of-a-kind board game dedicated to the men and women of the United States Air Force,” said Chris Burton, of the exchange service.

According to the game box, “You’ve been appointed a joint air-component commander and must assemble your forces to deploy and fight the enemy. As you accumulate air expeditionary squadrons and wings, remember the words of the Air Force chief of staff, ‘Victory belongs to those who can most quickly collect intelligence, communicate information and bring capabilities to bear against targets around the globe.’”

In classic Monopoly risk-taking, deal-making style, players compete to control aircraft, rocket and satellite

properties, Burton said. Instead of traditional houses and hotels, the Air Force edition features air expeditionary squadrons and air expeditionary wings.

“Also, the chance and community chest cards have been changed to airman’s legacy and commander’s call cards, with comments referring to the Air Force,” Burton said.

Players navigate the board with a B-2 Spirit, an air traffic control tower, the F/A-22 Raptor, a satellite, an unmanned aerial vehicle or a C-17 Globemaster III. Even the money is custom made to complement the Air Force theme.

The Air Force edition comes after the success of the Army Monopoly game in August 2002, Burton said.

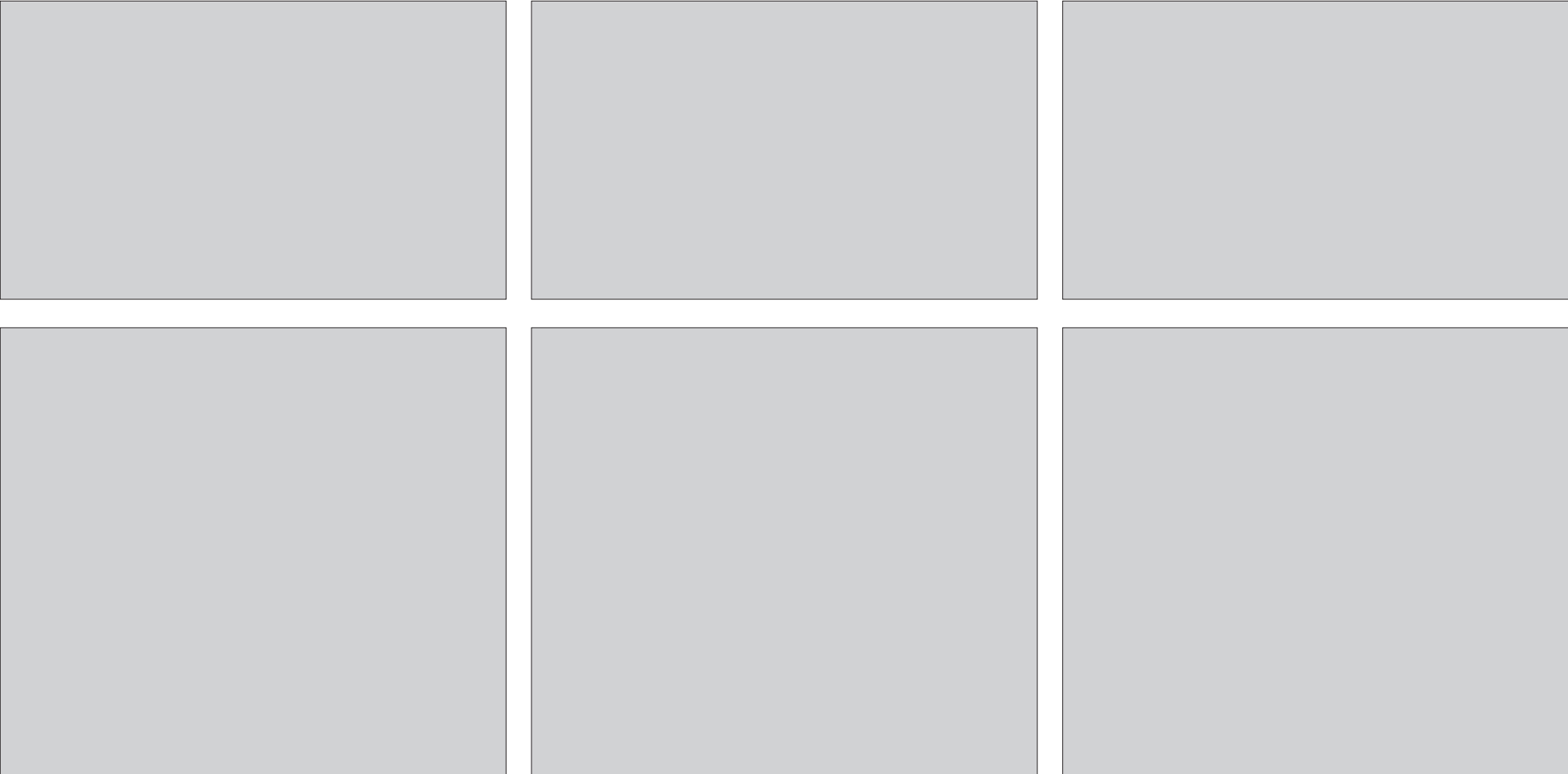
Officials plan to stock the game for as long as customers demand the product, Burton said. Based on sales of the Army edition — the No. 1 board game



**The Air Force Edition Monopoly puts a new twist on a classic board game.**

sold by AAFES — Burton said the Air Force edition is expected to be as successful or better.

Customers can now purchase the game online at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com). It will be available in stores beginning Dec. 1.





## Tyndall fire chief offers holiday cooking safety tips

ROBERT ANDERSON

Assistant chief, fire prevention

By following some very simple precautions, you can ensure your Thanksgiving meal preparations aren’t spoiled by fires or other cooking-related mishaps. To avoid potential kitchen mishaps, discuss the following ground rules with your family:

- Never leave cooking unattended, even for a few minutes.
  - Turn pot handles inward so they are out of small children’s reach.
  - Keep area around the kitchen stove clear of clutter that could contribute to the spread of fire.
  - Always have potholders and oven mitts handy to move or carry hot pans or dishes.
- Practicing fire safety is important, but knowing what to do if fire occurs is just as important. Here are some helpful guidelines:
- Always have a pot lid nearby while cooking. If a fire flares up, put the lid on the pot, turn off the heat and leave it covered. Do not try to move the pan — it may get dropped causing the fire to spread or someone to get severely burned. It takes a few minutes for the pan to cool down.
  - Never use water or flour on cooking oil or grease fires. Water has a violent reaction with hot cooking oil or grease and particles of flour dust can explode.
  - Mount a fire extinguisher in a accessible location away from the kitchen stove.

Post the fire department’s emergency number – 911 — by every phone in the house. Always report fires in a safe location away from the fire even if you must call from your neighbor’s house. Remain calm and do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to. The dispatcher will need the following information: Name; address; phone number from where you are calling; location of fire; and other pertinent information.

- Check your smoke detector along with the detector’s battery backup to ensure it is operating properly. Smoke detectors must be tested at least monthly.



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NOTES

Housing office closure

The housing office will be closed from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today for an official function.

The office will also be closed Nov. 28 for Family Day. Please plan accordingly.

EIT review

The Florida Engineering Society, Gulf Coast Chapter, will conduct a 24-lesson engineer in training exam review course from 6:30 – 9:15 p.m. Mondays through March 29 at Gulf Coast Community College. For more information call Doug Merkle at 283-6113 or 871-3132 or e-mail him at dhmerkle@aol.com.

Spouse scholarship

Applications for the Aerospace Education Foundation's Air Force Spouse Scholarship will be accepted from now through Jan. 30. Thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in March. To obtain an application call education services at 283-4285 or e-mail at education@tyndall.af.mil. For more information call (800) 291-8480 or send an e-mail to aefstaff@aef.org.

Mom, pops and tots

From 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays at the community activities center there will be a Mom, Pops and Tots informal group for parents and their children to meet other parents and observe their children interacting with each other. There will be arts, crafts, outings and guest speakers. For more information call Laurie Cambell at 286-6501 or Melissa Doyle at 785-4966.

ERAU registration

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Spring 2004 Term registration is set for 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily Jan. 5-9 in Building 1230, Room 48. Class dates are Jan. 12 to March 13. For more information, call 283-4557.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Catholic Services

The following Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday.

Protestant Services

Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; religious education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Building 1476; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

RETIREE NEWS

CRSC Update

The Air Force Personnel Center's Physical Disability Division staff is currently working Combat Related Special Compensation applications received during the July 14-25 time frame. Since the program began, the Air Force has received a total of 8,342 applications with 1,274 cases approved and 1,073 disapproved. There are 855 applications awaiting VA medical records.

Retirees are reminded to request a return receipt with their applications so they will know when the application was received. Based on articles disseminated via the Air Force Retiree News Service, retirees can then tell about where their application falls in the review process.

Once the application is boarded, a letter is sent to the member explaining what conditions were approved, disapproved or did not have sufficient documentation to support the claim. The whole package is disapproved if the member does not have enough approved conditions to meet the 60 percent CRSC disability or 10 percent Purple Heart requirement. The member can reapply if the CRSC approved conditions get a higher rating from the VA at some later date and then meet the minimum requirements.

After board review, retirees who meet the requirements of at least a 60 percent combat-related disability rating or 10 percent Purple Heart are approved as CRSC and the physical disability staff notifies the member and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. This takes place even if there are some conditions the staff shows as in-

sufficient documentation. The member will start getting paid on the approved conditions but can still send in documentation later to have the other conditions boarded again. If the additional conditions are approved as combat related, the retiree and DFAS will be notified. The finance agency will update their file adding the additional conditions and increase pay if warranted. Once a condition is approved as combat related and DFAS is notified, there is no need for a member to reapply if the VA rating percent changes.

Retirees with questions about the CRSC should call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775, commercial (210) 565-5000 or DSN 665-5000 or go to the web site [www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/).

Thanksgiving AAFES Hours

Store	Wed.	Thurs.	Nov. 29
Overhead Office	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Main Store	CLOSED	0600-2000	0700-2000
MCSS	CLOSED	0900-1700	0900-1600
Shoal Point	CLOSED	1100-1800	1100-1800
Class Six	CLOSED	0800-2200	0800-2200
Felix Lake	0800-1300	0600-2100	0600-2100
Service Station	CLOSED	0600-1800	0900-1700
Wok Works	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Anthony's	CLOSED	1100-1600	1100-1700
Robin Hood	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Franks Kiosk	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Burger King	CLOSED	1000-1700	1000-1700
Barber Shop	CLOSED	0800-1800	0900-1700
Flt Line Barber Shop	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Beauty Shop	CLOSED	1000-1700	1000-1600
Laundry/Cleaners	CLOSED	0900-1730	0900-1500
Alterations	CLOSED	0900-1730	0900-1500
GNC	CLOSED	0900-1800	0900-1800
Flower Shop	CLOSED	0900-1800	0900-1800
Alltel	CLOSED	0900-1800	0900-1800
Optical Shop	CLOSED	1000-1800	1000-1800
Nail Salon	CLOSED	1000-1800	1000-1700

Free Classifieds

The Gulf Defender will publish free classified ads here for the one-time sale of personal property excluding real estate for active-duty military, retirees and Department of Defense civilians working on Tyndall. Ads are run on a space-available basis and must be limited to 25 words or less. Duty numbers are not allowed. Submit ads to editor@tyndall.af.mil.

# Tyndall Yacht Club hosts Captain's Cup regatta

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

It took Rich White less than four-and-a-half hours to sail a 12-mile course Saturday and claim the Captain's Cup at the Tyndall Yacht Club's latest sailing regatta at Beacon Beach Marina.

Six sailboats began the race at the marina Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m. At 3:55 p.m., White and his crew crossed the finish line in the "Poinciana" for the win. Twelve minutes later, the "Sea Dog," captained by Alan Gardner, came in second, with the father and son crew of Joe and Mark Moore on the "Wazzup!" trailing them by just seven

seconds – less than one boat length – for third.

The course left the marina and headed southeast for one mile before turning back and following Shell

Island up to the Capt. Anderson Marina. There, they turned on a more northeasterly heading to the mid-range marker, a fixed navigational aid in the

middle of St. Andrews Bay. The boats raced around that marker, back to the Capt. Anderson Marina, then back down the bay to Beacon Beach.

The Tyndall Yacht Club Sailing Association sponsors the monthly event, and co-presidents Joe Moore and Scott Fagersten said their goal is to make the races both competitive and fun.

"Whenever you have two boats on the water, you have a race," Fagersten said. "But it's all about fun," he quickly added. "The bottom line for these races is that we're out there just having fun, with a little bit of competition thrown in."

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SCOTT FAGERSTEN

Tyndall Yacht Club Sailing Association co-president

Fagersten said one way they guarantee a good time for all is by using a handicap system to determine a winner. A standard handicap system exists for sailing regattas

that uses a formula to rate the performance of each boat. However, the Tyndall club also rates the crew, which helps the less experienced sailors.

## Communications Sq. takes Tyndall championship

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

After counting all the homeruns and bulls-eyes, the touchdowns and tip-offs, the spikes, strikes, aces and birdies, the 325th Communications Squadron came out on top and claimed this year's Commander's Sports Trophy Nov. 5.

The trophy is given to the squadron that earns the most points for participating in – and winning – intramural sports leagues throughout the year. The CS beat out defending champion 325th Air Control Squadron 600 to 525.

Communications squadron sports representative Staff Sgt. Billy Gazzaway said the squadron had teams in every event of the 2002 - 2003 season, and credits the entire squadron with the victory.

"Everybody played their part," he said, expressing thanks to not only those who played but those who came to the games and supported the teams. "It's

really a big morale boost for the squadron."

The intramural sports that make up the Commander's Sports Trophy are flag football, basketball, bowling, racquetball, volleyball, tennis, darts, softball and golf. Squadrons are awarded 50 points for each sport they enter a team, and points for finishing first through fourth in each sport's regular season and playoffs.

The 2003 - 2004 competition began in late summer with flag football and bowling. The 325th CS won the flag football championship, holding a narrow lead over the 325th Security Forces Squadron, with the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron a close third.

The intramural bowling league will continue through early May. Basketball began Monday. The next sport will be volleyball, beginning in March.

For more information on how to join a squadron intramural sports team, contact your squadron representative or the fitness center at 283-2631.



Steve Riddle

The Poinciana (second from left) and other boats begin the Tyndall Yacht Club's regatta Saturday at Beacon Beach Marina. The "Poinciana," captained by Rich White, would go on to win the event.

"It makes it a more even race," he explained. "It gives everybody a chance to have a smile on their face."

According to Joe Moore, smiling faces should be easy to spot at Beacon Beach next year.

"We're going to keep having these races next year," Moore said. "We're thinking next year will be as good as this year - probably even better."

Both men agree the events would be better with more boats competing, and both emphasized that the races are open

to anyone who wants to get in on the fun.

"If anyone wants to participate, we'd be happy to have them come out," Moore said. "It's a fun thing, and we want everyone to have fun."

The next race will be Jan. 10. According to Moore, the club plans on holding the regattas next year on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, contact the Beacon Beach Marina at 283-3059 or e-mail Joe Moore at [PMoore4879@aol.com](mailto:PMoore4879@aol.com).

## Sport shorts

### Tigers host Eagles

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team hosts the Eglin Eagles this weekend in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference action. Game times are scheduled as follows: 3 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday. Contact the fitness center for more information at 283-2631.

### HAWC logo contest

The Tyndall Air Force Base Health and Wellness Center is sponsoring the "New HAWC Logo Contest," in which any Tyndall employee and/or dependent can submit an artistic creation of what they think should be the next HAWC mascot.

Entries for the "New HAWC Logo Contest" will be accepted at the HAWC, Bldg. 1307, Suwannee Ave. today through Jan. 2. All entries must be submitted on 8 1/2-inch x 11-inch sized paper.

The unveiling of the new HAWC Logo will be on Jan. 16. A celebration will be held to recognize the efforts of all who participate.





# Funshine NEWS



November 21, 2003

## All Ranks Lunch at the Officers' Club

Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95 ■ Friday: \$7.95  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Unlimited access to the daily buffet, salad bar,  
fountain soda, tea & coffee!

Includes Fresh, Hot, Carved Meat  
Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

Monday	Chef's Choice
Tuesday	Italian
Wednesday	Oriental
Thursday	All American
Friday	Seafood

\*Members, show your club card to receive a \$1 discount!

### On Base Food Delivery

■ **Lunch Menu:** Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Limited to office deliveries (i.e. upstairs addresses)*

■ **Evening Menu:** Fri. & Sat. 5:30-9 p.m.

**Subs & Pizzas**

**286-2900**

## Crazy Cash Give-away at the O Club Every Friday during Social Hour.

Jackpot starts at \$100. The first member name  
drawn is for the jackpot. If there is no winner  
\$25 will be added to next week's  
jackpot (max. \$500).

Once the name is drawn the winner  
has 5 minutes to claim their prize.  
If the winner fails to claim their prize  
a second drawing will be held from  
bar receipts for \$25.

Don't stay in your dorm room.  
Come out and play...  
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Dorm  
World**  
Play the Game

## Pajama Party Bowling Challenge December 5

11:30 p.m. at Raptor Lanes

## Puzzle Assembly December 19, 6 p.m. at the CAC

4 person teams,  
participants may tag in and out  
3 hour time limit  
entertainment & snacks

**Call 283-2495**

for details.

## Base Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Dec. 4, 5 p.m. at the main gate  
beside Flag Park

Come out and enjoy free hot chocolate,  
cookies, songs and a visit from Santa.

Call the CAC for more information: 283-2495.



## THANKSGIVING F • E • A • S • T

Thursday, November 27

### Featuring:

Carving Station w/ Roast Beef and Baked Ham, Omelet Station,  
Waffle Station, Sliced Turkey, Stuffing, Candied Yams, Cranberries,  
Mashed Potatoes & Giblet Gravy, Seasonal Vegetables, Scrambled Eggs,  
Home Fries, Bacon, Biscuits, Creamed Beef, Seasonal Fruit, Dessert  
Station, Selection of Juices, Coffee & Tea

\*Members First! Show your club card to receive \$2 discount

Adults: \$14.95\*  
Children (5-11): \$6.95\*  
Children (0-4): Free



Reservations Encouraged:  
Your choice of the 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.  
reservation times.

**283-4357**

### Sealed Bid Vehicle Sale

1985 Ford Step Van, mileage: 147,768.8  
1988 Ford Mini Van, mileage: 73,022.3 The  
items may be viewed in the parking lot  
behind 113 Suwannee, Bldg. 1129 and bids  
placed inside Bldg. 1129 room 12. For more  
information contact Elaine Mobley at 283-  
4794 or 283-2781 Minimum bid is \$500 on  
each vehicle. Each item sold as is. Winning  
bidder must remove item at their expense.  
Bids will be accepted through noon, Nov. 25.

### Services Holiday Hours

The following facilities will be closed on  
Thanksgiving and the day after: ITT,  
Bonita Bay, Skills Center  
& Graphic Impressions.

The **Fitness Center** will be closed  
on Thanksgiving and open  
10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Nov. 28.

The **Vet Clinic** will be closed  
on Nov. 27 and 28.

The **Youth Center** will be closed  
Nov. 27-30.

**Berg-Liles Thanksgiving Day:**  
6-9 a.m.: Breakfast  
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Lunch  
4:30-6:30 p.m.: Dinner

## Start Flying Now!

For many, flying is just a dream fulfilled by a piece of folded  
paper. With the help of your Aero Club's Flight Training  
Center (FTC) you can move beyond paper dreams. Whether  
flying for the first time or adding a new rating to your pilot's  
license, we can help you reach new heights. The Aero Club  
provides flight training with skilled instructors, well-  
maintained and equipped facilities, and pricing well below  
most general aviation instruction. You may even qualify to  
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ratings. If you are active duty or retired military, a DoD  
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### Lodging

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### Holiday "Space A" Rooms

Due to an Air Force waiver, the Sand  
Dollar Inn is now taking "Space A"  
reservations for Thanksgiving holiday  
and the Dec. 12 to Jan. 4 Christmas and  
New Year's holiday. You may book up to  
an eight-day stay for Thanksgiving and  
up to a 20-day stay over the Christmas  
and New Year's holidays.

### Community Activity Center

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### Pig Skin Picks

Forms are available at the CAC &  
Sports Page Pizza Pub. Prizes will be  
awarded. Ace the weekly Pig Skin Pick  
and receive one free Pizza Buffet.  
Sponsored in part by AA Military  
Benefits Group. No federal  
endorsement of sponsor intended.

## Don't miss the annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the Youth Center Saturday, Dec 6 • 8-11 a.m.

Register for holiday door prizes,  
make a craft, visit with  
Santa and Mrs. Claus

**\$1.50 ages 12 & under  
\$3.00 ages 13 & above**

**283-4366**

## ITT Notice

Travel (air and non air bookings) hours  
have been changed to 11 a.m.-3 p.m.,  
Mon.-Fri. (Closed Sat. & Sun.) The other  
operations of ITT have merged with  
Bonita Bay and are open the same hours  
as Bonita Bay (closed Tue. & Wed.)

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### Bonita Bay

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### Paint Ball and Ropes Course Closings

Due to the youth hunts on the following  
weekends the paintball course and  
ropes course will be closed: Dec. 6-7,  
& Dec. 20-21.

### Tyndall E' CLUB

## X-BOX HALO TOURNAMENT November 22, 2003, 6 p.m.

Food - Prizes - Music  
This event is open to all skill levels  
Newbies or Pros  
Come out and have fun with us

For more information call 283-4357

